

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of recycling a substantially non-consumable portion of a product, said method including the steps of:
 - a) including a recycling device with said product at the point-of-sale of said product to a consumer;
 - b) depositing one or more of said non-consumable portions of said product in said recycling device;
 - c) presenting said recycling device having said non-consumable portions therein to a retailer entity by said consumer when purchasing more of said product;
 - d) providing a discount price to said consumer purchasing more of said product and presenting said recycling device; and
 - e) delivering said recycling device having non-consumable portions of said product therein to a recycling facility.
2. The method of recycling according to claim 1, wherein said recycling device is incorporated in or attached to a package for said product.
3. The method of recycling according to claim 1, wherein said recycling device includes a discount marker having a refund amount thereon.

4. The method of recycling according to claim 3, wherein said discount marker is removable from said recycling device and said method further comprises the step of removing said discount marker from said recycling device after said presenting step.

5. The method of recycling according to claim 3, wherein said discount marker includes a refund value to determine said discount price for said product.

6. The method of recycling according to claim 5, wherein said recycling device includes means for establishing application of said refund value to said discount price.

7. The method of recycling according to claim 1 further comprising the step of indicating application of said recycling device to the purchase of said product after said presenting step so as to prevent further discounting based on said recycling device.

8. The method of recycling according to claim 1, wherein said recycling device includes a receptacle having a top section opening into at least one interior compartment, means at said top section for sealably closing said receptacle and means on said receptacle for extinguishing said product when said product is rubbed or crushed against said extinguishing means, said

receptacle having a front panel, a spaced apart back panel and at least one side panel, said receptacle having at least an interior side in said interior compartment formed from a generally heat resistant, non-combustible material, said receptacle having a sealed bottom.

9. The method of recycling according to claim 8, wherein said extinguishing means comprises one or more pieces of sandpaper affixed to said receptacle.

10. The method of recycling according to claim 8, wherein said receptacle has at least two extinguishing means and said receptacle is configured to fold such that said extinguishing means generally abut each other.

11. A small item recycling system, comprising:

a retailer entity selling a product having a recycling device associated therewith to a consumer, said product having a consumable portion and a substantially non-consumable portion;

a consumer purchasing said product from said retailer entity and consuming said consumable portion of said product;

said consumer depositing said non-consumable portion of said product in said recycling device;

said consumer presenting said recycling device to said retailer entity;
and
said retailer entity providing a discount price to said consumer for the
purchase of more of said product.

12. The recycling system according to claim 11, wherein said
product and said recycling device are provided by a product manufacturer entity
that makes said product.

13. The recycling system according to claim 12, wherein said
recycling device is incorporated in a package for said product.

14. The recycling system according to claim 11, wherein said
recycling device is provided by a recycling device manufacturer separate from
said product.

15. The recycling system according to claim 11, wherein said
recycling device includes a discount marker having a refund amount thereon.

16. The recycling system according to claim 15, wherein said
discount marker is removable from said recycling device and said second retailer
entity removes said discount marker from said recycling device after providing
said discount price to said consumer.

17. The recycling system according to claim 15, wherein said discount marker includes a refund value to determine said discount price for said product.

18. The recycling system according to claim 17, wherein said recycling device includes means for establishing application of said refund value to said discount price.

19. The recycling system according to claim 11, wherein the second retailer entity indicates the application of said recycling device to the purchase of said product after providing said discount price to said consumer so as to prevent further discounting based on said recycling device.

20. The recycling system according to claim 11, wherein said recycling device includes a receptacle forming at least one interior compartment, means at said top section for sealably closing said receptacle and means on said receptacle for extinguishing said product when said product is rubbed or crushed against said extinguishing means, said receptacle having a front panel, a spaced apart back panel and at least one side panel, said receptacle having at least an interior side in said interior compartment formed from a generally heat resistant, non-combustible material, said receptacle having an open top section opening into said interior compartment and a sealed bottom.

21. A small item recycling system, comprising:

a first retailer entity selling a product having a recycling device associated therewith to a consumer, said product having a consumable portion and a substantially non-consumable portion;

a consumer purchasing said product from said first retailer entity and consuming said consumable portion of said product;

said consumer depositing one or more of said non-consumable portion of said product in said recycling device;

said consumer presenting said recycling device to a second retailer entity; and

said second retailer entity providing a discount price to said consumer for the purchase more of said product.

22. The recycling system according to claim 21, wherein said product and said recycling device are provided by a product manufacturer entity that makes said product.

23. The recycling system according to claim 22, wherein said recycling device is incorporated in a package for said product.

24. The recycling system according to claim 21, wherein said recycling device is provided by a recycling device manufacturer separate from said product.

25. The recycling system according to claim 21, wherein said recycling device includes a discount marker having a refund amount thereon.

26. The recycling system according to claim 25, wherein said discount marker is removable from said recycling device and said second retailer entity removes said discount marker from said recycling device after providing said discount price to said consumer.

27. The recycling system according to claim 25, wherein said discount marker includes a refund value to determine said discount price for said product.

28. The recycling system according to claim 27, wherein said recycling device includes means for establishing application of said refund value to said discount price.

29. The recycling system according to claim 21, wherein the second retailer entity indicates the application of said recycling device to the purchase of said product after providing said discount price to said consumer so as to prevent further discounting based on said recycling device.

30. The recycling system according to claim 21, wherein said recycling device includes a receptacle forming at least one interior compartment, means at said top section for sealably closing said receptacle and means on said receptacle for extinguishing said product when said product is rubbed or crushed against said extinguishing means, said receptacle having a front panel, a spaced apart back panel and at least one side panel, said receptacle having at least an interior side in said interior compartment formed from a generally heat resistant, non-combustible material, said receptacle having an open top section opening into said interior compartment and a sealed bottom.